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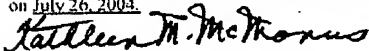
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Sir:

A Notice of Allowance issued from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 29, 2004, the declaration filed in this application has been objected to by the Examiner as being defective because it fails to identify applicant's priority application and does not properly identify the inventor's residence. However, the Examiner's attention is directed to the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.63(c)(1)&(2) which states that such information only has to be provided on the declaration if it is not provided in an Application Data Sheet submitted in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.76. Therefore, since an Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.76 was filed in this application and it contains the requisite priority and residence data, applicant's declaration is not defective and the requirement for a new declaration should be withdrawn, such being hereby requested.

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